

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

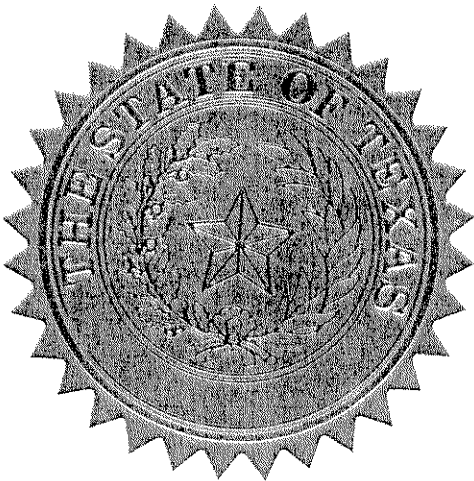
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 1203 as passed by the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 1203 would authorize property owners to designate an agent to receive tax refunds on their behalf, but would fail to protect property owners from unreasonable charges, which often amount to as much as 50 percent of the refund owed the taxpayer.

This bill furthermore would direct appraisal districts and taxing entities to send tax refunds to third-party agents rather than directly to the taxpayers. As such, this bill is tantamount to establishing a fee-collection system for third-party agents. While these collection firms claim to provide a public service, it should be incumbent upon appraisal districts and taxing entities to provide sufficient information to property owners on how to obtain a refund at no cost, and to make it easier for property owners to obtain those refunds.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2005.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams
ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
2:30pm O'CLOCK

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